

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We've been home from VI2008 for a little over a week and I thank you again for your participation. It was an exciting week with multiple flag officer briefings from the field, the new Defense Imagery Management Operations Center (DIMOC) roll out, excellent guest speakers, and the diverse Thursday topical training sessions. Above all, we shared in significant discussion concerning the future value of visual information and the role of VI in strategic communication.

In addition to the DVD you received at the conference, the briefings you saw will be posted to the [defenseimagery.mil](http://defenseimagery.mil) website in the "What's New" menu on the home page.

<http://dodimagery.afis.osd.mil/index.html>

The USDA conference coordinator is currently processing the training certificates and will mail paper copies by 9 May 2008 to the address you provided.

Some of you experienced delays or technical problems during the Thursday hands-on Digital Asset Management System (DAMS) training session. I apologize for this and want you to know issues affecting performance and functionality of the DAMS have been identified, and to a large extent resolved. Further upgrades and features are already in the works. I take personal responsibility for any problems you experienced, since I pushed my development staff to go live during VI2008 before they finished full system performance tests. I appreciate your patience and hope you will join us during future user focus groups to help us document your requirements for enterprise-level imagery management systems. Be assured the DVI and DIMOC staff is committed to meeting the imagery needs of all those who produce, distribute or use DoD imagery.

I want to especially thank those of you who took the time to complete the entire critique sheet. We received 90 critiques from the nearly 400 participants and are evaluating them for areas where we can improve for our next workshop. The entire DVI team values your participation in VI 2008 and looks forward to working with you to improve the availability and value of VI throughout the DoD.

Regards,

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